

Memorandum



Date: July 21, 2026

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Recommendation for Ratification of an Emergency Contract for Electrical
Infrastructure Oversight and Maintenance Service

Executive Summary

This item is to ratify an emergency contract award for electrical infrastructure oversight and maintenance services for Miami-Dade County's (County) Lightspeed Facility (Lightspeed), in the amount of \$358,256 for the People and Internal Operations Department (PIOD). Lightspeed is one of the County's most critical facilities, housing the County's 911 call center, 311 operations, the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), and Communications, Information and Technology (CITD) servers.

On April 25, 2025, a construction incident led to the compromise of electrical systems by Suffolk Construction Company, Inc. (Suffolk), the contractor on the adjacent Integrated Command and Communications Center project (IC3). Continuous operation of Lightspeed is essential to ensure uninterrupted emergency response services for residents and visitors. Any disruption to its electrical systems could pose an immediate threat to public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, PIOD acted quickly to resolve any electrical problems.

Solares Electrical Services, Inc. ("Solares") was engaged on an emergency basis to provide electrical infrastructure oversight and monitoring on Lightspeed. Solares was uniquely qualified for this engagement, as they were already on site performing electrical work under a separate active construction contract at Lightspeed, giving them firsthand knowledge of the building's electrical and mechanical systems.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve ratification of an emergency contract award, *Contract No. E-10684, Electrical Infrastructure Oversight and Maintenance Service* to Solares Electrical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$358,256. The County is pursuing all remedies available under the contract with Suffolk, including recovery of costs associated with this emergency contract award.

The IC3 at Lightspeed represents a much-needed investment in the County's public safety infrastructure. Currently, emergency management and public safety communications operations are dispersed across multiple facilities, and lack the resiliency, technological integration, and shared location required to support continuity of critical services during major disasters or security events. The IC3 addresses these vulnerabilities by consolidating critical functions into a single, resilient facility designed to support sustained emergency communications and ensure essential services continue without interruption during emergency scenarios.

The IC3 will strengthen the County's ability to deliver timely public information and a coordinated emergency response during hurricanes, severe weather, and other major incidents, reducing response delays and enhancing the County's capacity to protect lives and property for our community. The facility reflects nationally recognized best practices in emergency management

facility design, integrating hardened, weather-proof infrastructure, redundant systems, and centralized command functions during hurricanes, major disasters, and security incidents.

Background

On April 25, 2025, following a construction incident at Lightspeed, PIOD declared an emergency and executed an emergency purchase to secure continuous oversight of the facility's electrical and cooling systems to protect public health and safety. Lightspeed houses the County's 911 call center, 311 operations, the RTCC, and critical servers supporting 911 ITD operations, PIOD security, and other essential County functions. Additional details about the incident are not included in this memorandum in order to safeguard confidential information regarding the County's security plan and security systems.

Under this emergency purchase, Solares provided around-the-clock monitoring and management of electrical systems and controls and remained on site to supervise and protect the County's investment in the newly installed mechanical equipment, ensuring that the corrective work did not cause damage. As the only entity with the knowledge and familiarity of this equipment, Solares was uniquely capable of performing the work needed.

Scope

Lightspeed is located within District 12, which is represented by Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez; however, the scope of this item is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the emergency contract is \$358,256 for a one-time purchase.

Department	Ratification Amount	Funding Source	Budgeted	Contract Manager
PIOD	\$358,256	General Funds	FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Volume 3, Page 339, Operating Expenditures, Contractual Services	Eddy Etienne
Total	\$358,256			

Track Record/Monitor

Christopher Grant-Henriques of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Division Director.

Delegated Authority

The County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee will have the authority to exercise all provisions of the contract pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38.

Vendor Recommended for Ratification

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Number of Employee Residents	Principal
			1) Miami-Dade 2) Percentage*	
Solares Electrical Services, Inc. (SBE)	2801 NW 112 Ave Doral, FL	Same	35	Andres Solares
			89%	

*Provided pursuant to Resolution No. R-1011-15. Percentage of employee residents is the percentage of Vendor's employees who reside in Miami-Dade County as compared to the Vendor's total workforce.

Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine contractor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues. The lists that were referenced included convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

Applicable Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program applies.
- The Small Business Enterprise measures and Local Preference do not apply.
- The Living Wage Ordinance does not apply.

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Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 21, 2026

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING EMERGENCY CONTRACT NO. E-10684, ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OVERSIGHT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE, TO SOLARES ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$358,256.00 FOR THE PEOPLE AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATION OR EXTENSIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board finds it is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County to ratify Emergency Contract E-10684, Electrical Infrastructure Oversight and Maintenance Service, to Solares Electrical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$358,256.00 for the People and Internal Operations Department.

Section 2. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation or extensions, pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and Implementing Order 3-38. A copy of the contract is on file with and available upon request from the Strategic Procurement Department.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of July, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Miguel A. Gonzalez